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1. There are no special allowances in the Soviet armed forces for foreign service. formerly, and probably at present, there was a special allowance for service in the Kurile Islands, Kamachatka, Kolyma, and generally in areas of adverse climatic conditions.
2. There are no special allowances paid to members of the Soviet Air Force for combat duty.
3. Communist Party members in the Soviet armed forces do not receive any more technical training than non-Party members; however, they do receive more political training.
4. No distinctions are made between reserve and regular officers on active duty in the armed forces.
5. Reserve pilots serve two to four weeks annually, depending on the nature of the new equipment to be studied. Engineer reserve officers serve about six weeks every two years.
6. In January 1954, Soviet officers in East Germany were asked whether they would agree to take a thirty percent cut in salary. Their answer was no.

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